



Weather Corner

Chance of rain tonight

Tonight — The forecast is calling for a 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a low around 36. Breezy with a northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 48. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 30. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 50. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 29.

Monday — Mostly sunny with a high near 58.

Monday night — Clear with a low around 31. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 62.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 58
Low this morning, 30
Records for this date, 92 in 1947, 8 in 1905
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
October's precipitation, 1.95
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Thomas County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday, Oct. 4

- Possession of drug paraphernalia:** Ana Lilibeth Arcega, 23, of Yuma, Ariz. and Jorge Francisco Lopez Mares, 27, of Los Moches Sina, Mexico, were both arrested at 5:23 p.m. by the sheriff's office on Interstate 70 (milepost 56). The charge pending is possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Interference with police dog:** Jason Edward Thomas, 31, of Colby was arrested at 10:48 p.m. by Colby police in the 600 block of North Range Avenue. The charge pending was interfering with a police dog. He was released with a notice to appear in November to the Thomas County court.
- Protective custody:** Jose Luis Garcia, 37, of Colby, was arrested at 9:26 p.m. by the sheriff's office on County Road R. The charge dealt with a protective custody order issued by the sheriff's department.

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Briefly

Sweet Adelines perform Sunday
The Hi-Plains Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is planning a "Shee Haw" show at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the Colby High School auditorium. In addition to the chorus a guest quartet, Very Light Opera Company of Colorado Springs will perform, along with a grade school honor chorus. Discounted tickets for the Sunday performance are available by calling (785) 460-2183 or tickets at full price can be purchased at the door.

Chorus rehearsals begin Sunday
Chorus rehearsals begin at 1 p.m., Sunday, for the upcoming presentation of "The Messiah" in the Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Colby College. All singers wanting to participate do not need to audition, only those wanting to perform solos, said Dr. Phil Shuman, director of choral activities. For questions about auditions, call Shuman at 462-3984, ext. 311.

Colby School Board to meet Monday
The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the

agenda include: approval of the consent agenda; report on school's progress and reports from the principals, curriculum director and superintendent. New business includes an update on a district-wide camera system, board member appointment to the calendar committee, out-of-district student requests, capital outlay fund, stadium project, discussion of district's insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield and if necessary, personnel issues. The meeting is open to the public.

Square dance lessons offered
The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club is sponsoring dance lessons starting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. "Square dancing is an exercise program that is good for your body and mind," said Ron Snyder, teaching the class. "Square dancers take about 9,000 to 10,000 steps in an evening of dancing to music that is rhythmic. Keeping your mind on calls, takes your mind off things that cause stress." For questions, call Frank Vacca, (785) 462-3465 or 460-2958.

Clerk's office to extend hours
The Thomas County Clerk is reminding everyone pheas-

ant season opens Saturday, Nov. 4. "To accommodate all hunters," said Shelly Harms, county clerk, "we will be open until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2-3 to assist you." For questions, call 460-4500.

Applications sought for food baskets
Genesis-Thomas County, which serves as the area's only food bank, is again planning its annual holiday food basket program for those Thomas County families in need. Anyone who is interested in receiving a food basket during this special time is asked to pick up forms at the Genesis-Thomas County office, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 6 in Colby on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., said Marilyn Friesen, co-coordinator for the holiday event. The deadline for applications is Saturday, Nov. 11.

Turkey supper planned Nov. 1
The Brewster United Methodist Church will sponsor its annual "Turkey Supper" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the church, 202 Nebraska A free-will offering will help the church with mission projects. For questions, call Nadine Kammer at (785) 694-2456.

Area broadcasters recognized in state contest

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Announcers of three area radio stations are being honored by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters at the association's annual convention Oct. 22-24 in Mayetta. Named as the state's top two radio personalities in the small-market radio category are Joe Vyzourek at Colby's KXXX 790 AM and Lacy Stroup at KQLS 100.3 FM.

"We are very proud of the product we put on the radio in northwest Kansas on a consistent basis," said Mike Fell, manger for both stations. "We are very fortunate to have area people who can put on the radio what listeners want to hear."

Besides taking the top slot for his

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Mike Fell,
KQLS/KXXX manager

on air personality, Vyzourek placed first in the state for a promotion announcement about KXXX. And Stroup's Jolt Request Show came in second in the same category.

"My job is much easier with the No. 1 and No. 2 DJs on air every day," Fell said.

Taking second place honors for a small market radio public service announcement was Vyzourek and his wife, Rebecca, for their promo-

tion of the Head Start program.

"Joe is operation manager for the stations and deserves a tremendous amount of credit for these awards," Fell said. "Joe works with the staff on a daily basis and is now a two time winner of best DJ in small market radio in Kansas."

Earning first place for in-depth news reporting is Chad Wolf of KXXX for his harvest reports. Winning third place for complete

new feature are Samantha From, Coleena Woods, Shane Timson, Paul Heskett, Joe Vyzourek, Stroup and Fell, all of KQLS 100.3. Selected listeners had a chance to win a hot tub by whoever could keep their hand on the tub the longest.

Vyzourek, Stroup and Wolf are all graduates of the communication program at Colby Community College.

In the noncommercial radio market, two personalities from Tri-State Praise KGCR 107.7 FM near Brewster will be honored.

Becca Bargmann and Shane Timson took third place for their station promotion announcement about free bumper stickers. Bargmann and Timson are also graduates of the communication program at Colby Community College.

"We're excited that Becca and Shane were selected for this honor," said station manager James Claassen. "They've put together quite a few very creative and fun spots, but this is the first time that they've entered one in the KAB competition so it's encouraging to have their work honored by their peers across the state."

"Our goal at Tri-State Praise KGCR has always been to provide excellence in broadcasting, not only for our listeners, but also as an offering of worship to our Lord," Claassen said. The Kansas Association of Broadcasters is a statewide trade association serving a membership of free, over-the-air radio and television broadcast stations.

Former Oakley man guilty on eight counts of sex crimes

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A former Oakley man was found guilty on eight counts of sex crimes which took place over a 15 month period of time.

After three hours of deliberation, a jury found Ryan Bloom, 29, guilty of one count of rape, six counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child under the age of 14, and one count of lewd and lascivious behavior. The trial, which took place in Reno County District Court in Hutchinson, concluded Thursday after almost three weeks of testimony.

Bloom, depending on his criminal history background, faces between 12 and 54 months in prison and a fine up to \$300,000 on the rape charge. He faces between four and one-half years and 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$300,000 for the aggravated indecent liberties with a child charges. He also faces between five and 17 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000 for the lewd and lascivious behavior charge.

State law limits judges to imposing two times the maximum penalty of the most severe charge filed in a case, which in Bloom's case is the rape charge. The crimes took place between Jan. 1, 2005, and March 21, 2006, in Hutchinson.

Bloom served as Trego County Sheriff from June 2, 2003, to Jan. 3, 2005, and until arrested earlier this year, as an instructor at the Kansas

Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson.

Reno County District Judge Richard Rome presided over Bloom's trial. A spokesman for Rome's office said Thursday Bloom is scheduled to be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 16.

Bloom's wife, Jessica, and his mother-in-law, Barbara Johnson, are being detained in the Reno County Jail awaiting court dates for their involvement in Bloom's case.

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According to Rome's office, the children are in protective custody at an undisclosed location.

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